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COLUMN

Darcy, the Australian Boxer, Was Under No Obligation to Enlist, as Compulsory Military Service Was Voted Down in His Country.

BENNY LEONARD can't box for a month because he has injured his left hand. Sad! But not to be compared with Freddy Welsh's plight if he injured his left foot or sprained his private referee.

JACK DILLON'S eagerness to fight everybody seems to have faded away. Now he has "postponed" a bout with Battling Levinsky. Dillon used to regard a bout with Bat as a fair day's training.

JUST why Les Darcy should be roasted for leaving Australia is more than most people can understand.

Compulsory military service was put to a vote a few weeks ago and the Australian people voted it down. So Darcy was under no obligation to enlist. Probably, like a great many other people, Darcy thought Australia had done more than her share of England's fighting already. Through the first year of the war Canadian and Australian regiments were sent to the front out of all proportion to troops from England. Being physically far superior to the half-fed, dull-brained men from the crowded manufacturing districts of England, they were shoved out to take the brunt of the fighting. And they did their work heroically.

The fate of the "Princess Pats" was an example of the way the English used the men from the colonies to take the hard knocks. This was the first volunteer regiment rushed to England from Canada. Every man was a six-footer. Canada boasted that no twelve hundred finer men ever stepped to the music of drum and fife. They were seasoned hunters, trappers, woodmen, athletes. After a few weeks on the extreme edge of the fighting line there were thirty-six whole men left. Jack Monroe, the fighter, was one of the thirty-six. When he was shot down and carried back to an English hospital. Shortly after that, I remember, it was reported that there were but twelve men left of Canada's most famous twelve hundred!

At the Dardanelles the Australians carried the weight of England's blunders and were wiped out so fast that it was hard to send men along to keep the regiments up to their full strength. Magnificent men—these Australians.

There are hundreds of thousands left in Australia who haven't yet volunteered and who probably won't. So why should Les Darcy be singled out for attack?

AFTER Darcy sailed a man in Australia was fined \$125 for writing him a letter. The charge was "communicating with an enemy of the realm." Which, to a peaceful outsider, looks a good deal like frothing at the mouth.

We haven't heard whether or not "Boskem Yookum" is going back West "with a couple of horses."

A DARK mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Sam McVey, although Jack Johnson is cabling anxiously from Barcelona that he wants to hear from Sam pronto, if not sooner. Sam seems to have missed a chance to hold a little Thanksgiving party with Johnson, but he might be able to hand the Spaniards a Christmas present if he hustles.

New York will soon be having another six-day bike race. Oh, well, everybody needs a little relief after the excitement of the baseball and football seasons.

ACCORDING to the Bridgeport sporting authorities Hugh Ross gave Jimmy O'Hagan a real trimming Friday night. Ross put O'Hagan down for the nine count twice.

"I don't think John the Barber will let O'Hagan box Ross again, as he knows the game pretty well," writes Ross's manager, "but if he will, I'll be glad to bet him \$500 that Ross can't beat O'Hagan any time. No bull in this. If you'll hold the stakes and act as judge I'll send you the \$500. Ross will do it to all the middleweights just what he did to O'Hagan and Al McCoy."

Not being legal in this State, we're not holding any stakes. But we'd like to see Ross in action, if he's as good as the Bridgeport writer says he is.

"BILLY MISKE didn't run away from New York; he ran away from Weir," writes Manager Harry Pollok. "By this Miske becomes a full fledged member of the afraid-to-meet Weir club, of which Jess Willard is President, and Fulton, Moran, Morris, Coffey and Levinsky are charter members. Miske showed that he didn't relish boxing Weir when he named \$5,000 as the figure that would get him into the ring. Then he came down, accepted terms, made a date

## BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK

## FIGHTERS WHO LOST THEIR GOATS

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## Many Reforms Promised In Baseball Next Year

Public Will Be Benefited by New World's Series Plan—Option Clause One of Weapons Players Are Sharpening for Tilt With Owners Next Week.

By Bozeman Bulger.

WHAT with the National Commission on its way to New York, loaded down with new forms of contracts, a new and cheaper plan for holding the World's Series and the iron ball already swinging at salaries, next week promises to be a lively little spell for the boys who make the two-base hits.

This new plan for the World's Series, by the way, also has a clause aimed to benefit the dear old suffering public! It proposes a reduction in prices to the big games, but, in a way, makes it up by suggesting that nine games be played instead of seven. It proposes to pay the players a fixed amount for their services regardless of the gate receipts. The most favored suggestion in that respect is that the players on the winning team be paid \$1,500 each and the losers \$1,000. But as an offset to the impending squawk in that regard it is suggested that a percentage of the proceeds be distributed among all the players in the league, even to the tailenders.

For several years past the clubs in the World's Series have been required to turn over a percentage of the profits to the respective leagues and the commission thinks that the players on the other clubs should also share in the big melon.

The thing that hurts, though, is that fixing of the amount a player is to receive at \$1,500 or \$1,000. There will be many a wall about the \$5,000 that the Boston Red Sox player got away back yonder in 1915.

Even in the face of this utter distress on the part of the players Mr. Fun will not shake his fist in the face of the commission. Instead of having to pay \$5 for a good viewpoint he will be able to get in the grounds at something near the price he paid all season. Moreover, in case of over-

crowding, he knows that there will be nine games, and, consequently, much room later on.

Already the baseball clans are beginning to pack up for the trip to New York, where these things may be talked over. Among the managers now in town are Mathewson and McGraw, and Wilbert Robinson wrote yesterday that he would arrive two or three days ahead of time.

The managers, who have the real brunt to bear, are already framing up their speeches of explanation to players about the cutting down of expenses via salaries.

And in the midst of these many discussions there has arisen a baseball lawyer who has pointed out a very interesting clause in the present contracts under which the athletes are held in reserve.

This clause gives the club owner the option on a player's services for the next year at the same price as shown in the expired contract.

I asked Mathewson about this last night. Now that he is a manager, Matty is no longer a member of the fraternity, but, naturally, his sympathies are with the players as far as his position will permit.

"Certainly there is such a clause in the contract," he said. "It is known as the option clause. It gives the owner the right to sign the player for another year at the same salary."

"What would happen, then," I asked, "if the owner did not exercise that option?"

"Why, why," he hesitated. "You know I am a manager now, and I might not be proper for me to discuss those things; but, offhand, I should think that if the option was not exercised, the contract, with all its clauses, would expire."

And there is something for Mr. Magnate to think over.

If Bill Smith, for instance, was under contract and the owner had the option on his services for another year at the same price, then the owner would have to pay him that much, or the option would terminate. Therefore, when the owners propose to cut the salary they will automatically terminate the contract and the player will be free to offer his services wherever he will.

The point is that if a player has a chance to offer their services to the highest bidder would make an owner hesitate about cutting.

This option clause is one of the weapons the players are sharpening for the tilt next week.

## Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

According to advices from Chicago, where Tex Rickard, the famous promoter, has been negotiating with Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, Georges Carpentier, the famous French fighter, will meet our titleholder in a bout in this city in the near future. Rickard, it is understood, can make arrangements for Carpentier, who has been fighting for his country ever since the war started, to secure a sufficient length to come to this country to fight Willard. Jess's

to sign articles and hopped aboard the first train for home.

Fulton, Moran and Morris have all dodged Weinert. But Willard is probably about as much "afraid" of meeting Charles as an elephant is afraid of meeting a peanut. Willard in his Havana condition could beat Weinert, Moran, Fulton and Morris in the same ring in one afternoon. Some of the "savants" who have been talking about a fight between Willard and Weinert should try to wipe out the two d-facts by Dillon before he talks of challenging Willard. Funny, didn't you? He had never met a man of his own bulk before, and it worried him to feel the weight of Carl's punches and see his own punches bounce off the Oklahoma. He was without making any impression. Willard comes nearer to being afraid of Morris than of any other man living.

price for this battle is said to be \$50,000.

Knocout Brown of Chicago and Bob Mohr of New York are expected to meet in a boxing bout at Atlantic City next week. They fought over two years ago in London, the Greek winning a two-round decision. Brown fought two future twenty-round bouts with Les Darcy in Australia.

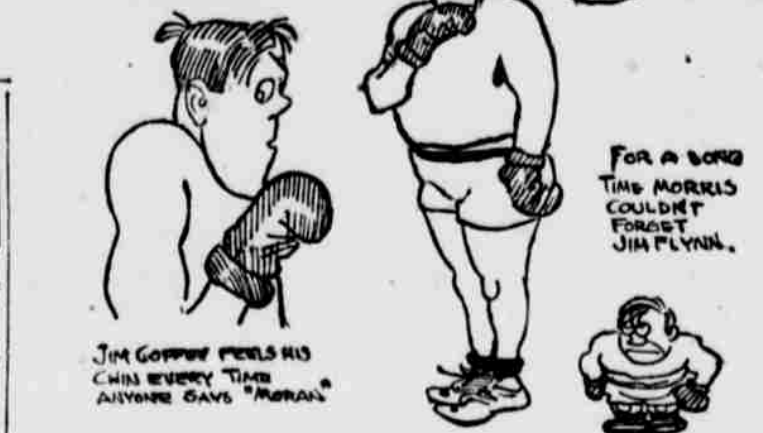
It seems that all the leading lightweights are using Stanley Yookum, the Denver lightweight, for a punching bag. Leonard and White admitted, several droolings to him recently. Fred Patsy Cline, the new sensation in the lightweight class, who has won seventeen straight bouts, is scheduled to take a crack at Yookum at the National A. C. of Philadelphia Saturday night.

On Friday night at New Haven Joe Weir will box Phil Bloom fifteen rounds. There is a big advance sale for this bout, which will be conducted by the Martin A. C. Hugh Ross and Bill Hill and Dave Moran and Charlie Fritts meet in ten round bouts on the same card.

Al Midway writes as follows: "Some recent printed incorrect reports of the Larry Hansen bout at Atlantic City last week. Hansen beat Corrie in twelve rounds out of fifteen. After the bout August King, manager of the club which staged the show, signed Hansen up to box George Chasney of Eddie Moran's training camp."

The City Athletic Club will stage the preliminary round of the boxing tournament this evening. Competing will be held in five classes, 108, 120, 135 and 145 pounds, and two prizes will be awarded in each class. A trophy will also be given to the club that has the greatest number of competitors. The finals will be decided on Thursday night.

For the first time in twenty years the New York A. C. of Harlem, the oldest club in New York, will close its season on Friday night and in the future will run all seasons on Saturday evening. For the first Saturday night show Manager John Kirk has arranged to have Oliver Harris of Chicago and now of Philadelphia, who has fought all the leading lightweights, to try to knock out Jimmy Flynn of Long Island, and Young Marino, best-known champion of the East, will go against Henry Volgar, French heavyweight champion. In a special bout, Harry Fox, featherweight, will take on Jerry Murphy, another Irish featherweight.



## News of Sports Told in Shorts

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 5.—The election of a new captain for the Yale football team will be held to-morrow night, when a banquet will be given the football "Y" men by the Yale Athletic Association. While there are several men eligible for the captaincy, the choice undoubtedly will be Artemus T. Gates, who played end the first part of the season and tackle in the more important games. He is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, and prepared at Hotchkiss School. Capt. C. R. Black of this year's team probably will return to college next year to complete his four-year course. That he would have been elected captain if he had been willing to accept there is no question.

Leonard Howison, the Canadian champion, defeated Joseph Mayer, the former amateur champion, in the first block of his 1,800-point billiard match at Daly's Billiard Academy last night by 200 to 298. After Mayer's first difficult shot, which would have won the game for him, Howison made a high run of 45, which gave him the necessary 300 points.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—U. S. Clifford Carlson of Fayette City, Pa., has been elected captain of the 1917 football team at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a junior and plays end on the team.

Grenda and Gould were named for the annual six-day cycle race which begins at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 17 and will continue there until Dec. 23. This team won the race in 1914 and finished first this year at Boston. In 1914 Grenda and Gould broke more records than any individual team and Peter Trobach of Poland was also named. The race will be a real test of endurance and speed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 5.—Howard Berry, Penn's fullback, declared yesterday that he would be unable to accompany the Red and Blue football team to Pasadena, Cal., where it will play the University of Oregon eleven on New Year's Day.

The Board of Review of the National Trotting Association will open its regular half-yearly meeting here. There is an unusually heavy docket of cases to be tried which have accumulated during the racing season last summer.

Hat Volmer, Columbia's intercollegiate swimming champion and holder of half dozen world records, will swim in only two races when Columbia meets the College of the City of New York in the first dual match of the intercollegiate swimming season.

The varsity basketball team plays its first game against Brooklyn Polytechnic on Friday. It is probable that the Columbia five will line up with Lator and Roberts as forwards, Leonard as center, and Farer and Farrell as guards. Leonard is the only veteran of the 1916 team. Capt. Willer will be unable to play until after the holidays.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Joseph Dundee of Duluth, Minn., has been elected captain of the Syracuse University football team for 1917. He played an end during the past season.

The Intercollegiate run of the Harlem, Long Island and Yorkville Athletic League will be held over the Harlem course on Sunday, Jan. 21. The Bronx League will also be in the run if the rival teams are endeavoring to inspire it with new life are successful in their efforts.

Romeyn Berry, a member of the Graduate Advisory Committee of the I. C. A. A. A., is still seeking a place for the annual indoor championship games. It is probable now that he will wait until after the sale of Madison Square Garden on Friday before reaching a decision.

Frederick W. Ruben, Secretary of the A. A. U., received a letter yesterday from Eddie Bergvall, Chairman of the Swedish Games Committee, which entertained the team of American athletes who toured the Scandinavian countries in October, felicitating the latter on their successful trip and expressing the wish that similar visits will be undertaken frequently in the future.

The proposed trip of Fannie Durack and Miss Weyl, to this country in February, has been abandoned. This information was received at the Amateur Athletic Union headquarters yesterday. No reasons were given for calling the tour off.

Billy Lash, who at one time or another coached the Yale, New York University and Fordham basketball fives, has been appointed manager and coach of the New York Athletic Club fives team.

SPORTING.

New York Club, N.Y., Tel. 5244 Bush. Tonight's event: George R. O'Brien vs. Bob Miles. This Sat. Taylor vs. Jacobs. Murray vs. Friedman.

## Skaters Are Flocking To Indoor Arenas

Only Better Team Work From Jack Frost Needed to Make Town Resemble One Immense Rink.

By William Abbott.

MORE rinks, hockey games between women here and teams from Canada, there's apparently no limit to the skating craze that is luring thousands of New Yorkers to the ice. There'll be at least ten skating this winter to every one who put on the steel runners last year, judging from present indications. Only better team work is needed from Jack Frost to make the town resemble one immense rink.

Impatient at the coming of good cold weather, the skaters are flocking to the indoor arenas. Three new rinks have been opened recently, and for many years the city had only one rink, which was sufficient for all purposes. That was before the strenuous winter sport became so popular.

Now the rush to buy skates is so great that manufacturers cannot keep pace with the demand. "Charlotte, the little Hippodrome skater, really started the ice craze last winter. Toward the end of the 1915 season it was quite the thing to wield a stick for the Orange and have skating parties in many of the hotels. This year the ice has attracted many additional recruits. Every afternoon and evening the different rinks are thronged with a whirling crowd of skaters. Many side around as if they had just come from Canada, while others skate with more enthusiasm than skill, but so anxious to learn that the services of private tutors are enlisted.

Skating is an invigorating sport and it has been made exceptionally attractive through the introduction of dance steps. In the center of every rink now will be found countless couples proming with the grace of exhibition dancers.

Perhaps the strangest part of the latest sporting fad is the interest of women in skating. For the first time two teams of women hockey players have been organized, and they have shown unexpected skill handling the long sticks. The management of the St. Nicholas rink has practically concluded arrangements for a series of games between the most formidable women teams here and in Canada.

The hockey season will be a hummer, though it is feared that conditions in the Dominion because of the war may prevent Canadian teams visiting here this winter. The Amateur Hockey League and the college teams, however, promise to supply plenty of action.

The Princeton squad, composed mostly of veterans, has been practicing at the St. Nicholas rink. The Flyers this year expect to regain the hockey honors that were theirs when the sensational Hobey Baker used to wield a stick for the Orange and have skating parties in many of the hotels.

Cuba Release Mordecai Brown. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—After playing eleven years in the National League and two in the Federal, Mordecai Brown, the once famous three-fingered pitcher of the Cubs, has been released unconditionally by Charles H. Weygman, President of the Chicago Club. Brown is thirty-eight years old. He came to the Cubs in 1904 from the St. Louis Cardinals, as part of the trade for Jack Taylor.

Had Samuel J. Graham of Greenwich, Conn., been able to select his best eleven holes of the recent Lakewood tournament to be used as a championship rating, he would have carried off the title. In the first round of match play he was pitted against W. Roy Barnhill of Fox Hills and made the inward journey in 32. In the afternoon playing against Max R. Marston of Haverhill, whom he defeated, Graham went out in 27, which gives him a best eighteen of 59, four strokes under the qualifying score which won the medal for carder W. White of Flushing.

The Tin Whistles medal play tourney, twelve selected holes, club handicaps, was played at Pinehurst, N. C., yesterday, over the number one course. The first prize was won by W. S. Millen, Haverhill, with a net 43. A triple tie resulted for the second prize among C. L. Becker, Woodland; Parker Whitmore, Brookline, and Donald Parson, Youngstown, each of whom had a net 44. Whitmore's record of 74 was the best of the day and equalled the best of the year.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 5.—Young Blades of Woonsocket won the decision over Willie Jones of Brooklyn at the Coleman last night, the Woonsocket batter showing to better advantage in every round.

ALTONA, Pa., Dec. 5.—Joe Jeanette, the colored heavyweight, handed Tony Rios of Newcastle, Pa., a severe beating and then knocked him out in the third round with a right-hand uppercut to the chin. The contest was scheduled for ten rounds.

GRAND ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW  
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## PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Baer

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## RADIO RUDOLPH SAYS

RECENT Wrestling Carnival in Chicago Was Very Successful. All the Spectators Escaped.

Soon be time for the boys to swear off. Won't drink anything they can't lift.

In spite of the efforts of America's richest exhibitors, a high-priced radio will prove a big success to a fault.

Harvard can have all the football championship soup that she can hold on a fork.

YEA, BO!

Well, can't say the Athletics are getting in. I don't see any world's champion because the winter is a failure.

Dave Fritz's contention that the magnates are picking on the players is true. The magnates expect 'em to play baseball in between meals.

LOW BRIDGE!

Ballplayers don't want a schedule. They want a menu.

The bird who goes to a fight and expects to see a fight is old-fashioned. A guy like that must still hold his membership in the League of American Wheelmen.

IF WE MAKE THIS PASS, WE'LL SHOOT THE WHOLE NICKEL!

Brooklyn surgeon took sixteen pieces of bone out of a boy's head and ruined his career as a ballplayer. Now the boy will have to work for a living.

That ain't steam. That's the janitor using brass knuckles on the pipe.

All the football heroes are home again, but mother still carries the coal up from the mine.

No trout wagers were killed in the run when the United States of America held their annual exhibit in New York last week.

Best way to get picked for the All-American is to have two rows of teeth like a shark.

YOU SAID IT.

Just that the Horse Show has come and one ain't smiling many smiles on the lot.

Glad to see they are going to prohibit marathons. We're opposed to capital punishment ourselves.

WAUFGUUR OOP! THROW THAT WALRUS A PIECE OF FIBER.

They can swim here (laughing) but the walrus can't swim. He's a land animal.

Connie Mack denies that he refused to allow his ballplayers to join the fraternity. In the first place, Connie hasn't got any.

BUST THAT CURVE!

With Dave Puts, Ben Johnson and Gert, all point together. It would be a lunch with the Sox.

GOTTA STOP FEEDING 'EM MEAT.

## Baseball Briefs

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—Bill Carrigan, who led the Red Sox to the world's championship in both 1915 and 1916, may be coaxed out of retirement. He intimated as much yesterday to a Boston newspaper man who has spent a day in Carrigan's company in Lewiston, Me., for the purpose of ascertaining whether there was any chance of his returning to the club next spring. "I will not promise anything," said Carrigan, "but I may possibly consent to lead the team for just one more season."

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Hugh Ward, who with Harry Frazee has purchased the Boston Club of the American League, and will come into formal possession on Dec. 14, is planning to give Europe some major league baseball as soon as the war ends.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 5.—The Secretary of the Tampa Athletic Training Association wired President Weygman of the Chicago Club of the National League yesterday that the association preferred that the Cubs fulfill the contract, but would not insist on payment of \$2,500, the amount it has spent on the grounds and stands.

AUTOMOBILES.

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Everybody's Riding Motorcycles and Bicycles

Judging from the big crowds of outdoor enthusiasts who pack Madison Square Garden day and evening, anxious for their first glimpse of the 1917 models of their favorite machines now on view at the

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE, BICYCLE & ACCESSORY SHOW

Business men, too, in goodly numbers are attending the show, inspecting the latest models of parcel delivery cars, with a view to solving the problem of low-cost delivery service.

And the electrically equipped and motor-driven motorcycles and bicycles also are proving very interesting features.

The display of accessories is replete and there is something of interest going on every minute.

Only one week, remember—daily from 10 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.